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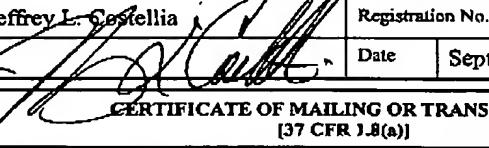
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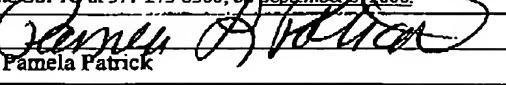
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL		Application Number	10/659,427
		Filing Date	September 11, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Hideaki KUWABARA
		Group Art Unit	2879
		Examiner Name	Matthew P. Hodges
		Attorney Docket Number	740756-2649

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14863 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>August 7, 2005</u> (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).	
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed	
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment/Reply	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Submission of Formal Drawings
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	v. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
2. Miscellaneous	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(e) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)	
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380	
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account # 19-2380 in the amount of \$1,240.00 (\$790.00 RCE Fee and \$450.00 EOT Fee)	

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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